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Title: Regarding revision of Gazette Notification pertaining to enhancement of Excise Duty.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Madam Speaker, I am on a different point. I fully endorse and associate the views expressed by hon. Kharge Ji but I am raising a point of order also in this respect. Or it may be a point of clarification.

The point is, two notifications have issued. One was issued on 12th November, 2014 and another one was issued on 2nd December, 2014. Madam, you may kindly peruse the record.

The first notification which has not been laid before this House and increasing the excise duty, without getting the knowledge and concurrence of Parliament, taking the Parliament for granted, it is not fair as far as rules and procedures are concerned. ...(*Interruptions*)

Secondly, this enhancement of excise duty is under Section 5(a) of the Central Excise Act. Section 5(a) is for exemption or reducing the duty but the Government is deliberately using Section 5(a) so as to enhance the duty but limiting within 14 per cent. It has to be enhanced under Section 3 of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985. For this, I am seeking a clarification from the Government. Without submitting and placing the notification before the House, two consecutive notifications, enhancing the excise duty, have been issued. This benefit has to go to the consumers. Unfortunately, this has not been done. Parliament is being taken for granted. It is the right of the Members and Parliament to know as to why it is being enhanced and what is there in notification. I am seeking clarification on these from the Government. ...(*Interruptions*)